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SUBJ: NEW NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U. S.

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1. AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT HAS BEEN OUT OF OSLO THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND OUR ABILITY TO OFFER PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF HIM IS THEREFORE LIMITED OT REPORTING DONE IN TWO AIRGRAMS TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 1970; THEY ARE OSLO A-193 OF AUGUST 5, 1970 AND OSLO A-206 OF AUGUST 26, 1970, AT THE TIME OF SOMMERFELT'S APPOINTMENT AS NORWAY'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AS NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY.

2. ON THE RECORD, SOMMERFELT HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. NOW 57, HE WAS FOR EIGHT YEARS (1960-68) THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO EFTA. HE HAS BEEN IN BONN SINCE 1968, BUT HIS NEGOTIATING RESPONSIBILITIES IN BRUSSELS HAVE, WE UNDERSTAND, CUT DEEPLY INTO THE ATTENTION HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO GIVE HIS DUTIES VIS- A- VIS WEST GERMANY. HE STAYED WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS RIGHT UP TO THE SIGNING OF AN ACCESSION AGREEMENT A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. HE HAS NOT PLAYED A ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE
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SINCE THE NORWEGIAN ELECTORATE REJECTED THE ACCESSION TREATY
LAST FALL, JENS EVENSEN HAVING REPLACED HIM AS NEGOTIATOR.

3. A LAW SCHOOL GRADUATE IN 1940, SOMMERFELT SPENT THE WAR
YEARS IN LONDON, SERVING AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER TRYGVE LIE IN THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT- IN- EXILE.
HE SERVED WITH LIE IN THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT- IN- EXILE.
HE SERVED WITH LIE AT THE UN IN 1946-47 , IN LONDON IN 1950 ,
AND WITH THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO NATO IN 1951. FROM
1952 THROUGH 1960 HE DEALT WITH COMMERCIAL AND TRADE
POLICY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN OSLO.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOMMERFELT IS MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN.

5. WE SUGGEST THAT USEC BE QUERIED ABOUT IMPRESSIONS OF
SOMMERFELT IN BRUSSELS ALSO.
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